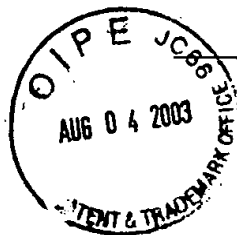


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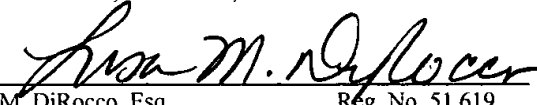
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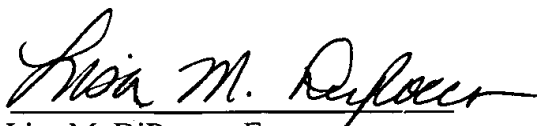
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This communication is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003, (Paper No. 13). Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: